

# Jackson to Human Resources

Gordon Jackson, director of the AFN Johnson-O'Malley Program resigned effective March 18, 1974 to become the vice president for Human Resources, Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc.

The Human Resources Committee composed of a member from each of the regional corporations met earlier in the month and selected Jackson as their number one priority selection to fill the newly-created position.

The position was created by the passage of a resolution during the Annual Alaska Federation of Natives Convention to separate Land Claims Administration and Human Resources Programs to make each more responsive and effective.

Land Claims Administration will deal with the many problems regarding the implementation of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

The new Human Resources vice president will provide staff support to the Human Resources Committee and be responsible for supervision of AFN Human Resources Programs in the fields of Education, Health, and Training and Technical Assistance.

Jackson, 28, is originally from Kake, Alaska and is a graduate of the University of Alaska. During the past few years he has worked as a program developer for the Rural Alaska Community Action Program; executive director, Southeast Alaska Community Action Program; deputy director, State Rural Development Agency; and director, Johnson-O'Malley Program.

He is a member of a number of statewide boards and committees.

Jackson stated, "I am extremely excited about moving into this new position. The position oversees all the Health, Education, and other Human Resources Programs. Unlike other people," he said, "I consider the development of our human resources a high priority. It is our most valuable renewable resource and should be developed. This area has not been given the attention it deserves. It will be my goal to advocate this area of development — it is a prerequisite to the development of any other resource within the regional corporations."

The new Human Resources vice president will continue to administer the Johnson-O'Malley Program until a new JOM director is hired by the Johnson-O'Malley Review Committee in early April.